

continues to be pleased with the work done by Robert Petrie, President of Paradigm Consulting in Omaha. "I was obviously distressed to hear that, but I made my decision about Mr. Petrie of Paradigm Consulting based on his credentials and the merit of his program." Then we go on and they mention the contract and the amount, and it talks about Breslow at this point, "In addition, Breslow wondered how Horton could not know of a previous state agency's dissatisfaction with Petrie's work, especially since Horton's wife oversaw his contract at that time. Petrie served as a consultant for the State Department of Social Services for 11 months before his contract was terminated in 1989. Mary Ann Miller, Horton's wife, is administrator of the child support collection division and oversaw Petrie's efforts to computerize the state child collection effort. For her part, Miller denied that Petrie was fired because of lack of performance. She said, Friday, that his contract was terminated solely because of funding problems. However, a Social Services official said that in addition to funding problems, the agency also had problems with Petrie's work. 'He didn't give us what we expected,' said Jerry Bahr, administrator for research and finance." And as the stuff hit the fan and other questions were raised about these consultants, this question was asked of the Governor's top people, and this comes from the Lincoln Star, an Associated Press article, page 6, April 4, 1995. This is the question from the article: How many other contracts with private consultants are there...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...right now. "We don't really know and that's why there is a need to centralize those types of services, Becker said." They don't even know how many consultants they have got, and we have people on the Appropriations Committee giving them all this money, then being stingy with the Legislature, talking about streamlining government, and how do they go about it? They hire consultant after consultant after consultant. You all appropriate. You authorize. You give deficit appropriations. Then you want to pretend that you are the fiscal conservatives, conservatives. Bah, humbug! Dad, excuse me, but I just got a little wound up this afternoon.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Senator Crosby and colleagues. I still